



ASSOCIATED
STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Senate Minutes

Thursday, November 9th, 2023

12:15pm

The Senate Chamber, Solomon Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement (1 min)
3. Roll Call (3 min)
4. Approval of the Agenda, November 9th , 2023 (3 min)
 - a. Senator Ava: Motion to approve the Agenda for November 9th, 2023.
Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, November 2nd, 2023 (2 min)
 - a. Senator Alejandro: Motion to approve the Minutes from November 2nd, 2023. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. Raising of Questions from Members of the Public
7. Report from The Speaker of the Senate (5 min)
 - a. Working on scheduling interviews for open seats next week
 - b. Please continue to go out to your constituencies and hear their voices
 - c. Thanks to those who have tabled and who came out to support
 - i. Please support other committees tabling events if you do not already
 - d. Met with VPSA Johnson last week to discuss Student Wellness and the Thriving Student Model
 - e. Beginning work with the ASG President on Swipes for Hunger initiative to attempt to bring to our campus
 - f. Participate in Senate to represent your constituents
8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team (3 min)
 - a. Senate Initiative Funding Requests
 - i. We have \$14,037.56 left in the Senate Initiatives Fund
 - b. EVRs: Online registration for on and off campus events
 - i. EVRs for tabling events must be submitted by an authorized person at least 1 week in advance
 - ii. Senate Lead Team, Chief of Staff, and some Chairs and Coordinators are EVR trained
 1. Provide the date, time, and location of your event
9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators (14 min)
 - a. The Academics Committee Chair

- i. First grant meeting will be held virtually this Friday
 - 1. Will be reviewing visual arts, architecture, and sciences
 - 2. Prepped the team in our meeting for the review process
 - 3. Next meeting is next Wednesday for engineering
- ii. Initiatives are about ready to submit funding requests etc.
- iii. Tabling moved to after Thanksgiving
 - 1. Will have fish bowl comment sections
- iv. Working with VP Dana to get funding for finals goodies in library
- b. The IDEA Committee Chair
 - i. Currently at lunch with Father Kellerman to engage in a dialogue about the role of the Church in responding to racial injustice in our communities
 - ii. Native American History Month
 - 1. San Diego County has more Indian reservations than any other county in the United States. However, the reservations are very small, with total land holdings of just over 124,000 acres, or about 193 square miles of the 4,205 square miles in San Diego County.
 - iii. Tabling Event(s) next week and donation bins are out
 - 1. Event: Build-A-Bag (Lead: Senator Jordan)
 - a. 11/6 - 11/15 = Donation period
 - b. 11/15 = Tabling to curate packages
 - c. Volunteers are needed, Jordan will be sending you all a sign-up sheet
 - 2. Event: ManchYaLater (Lead: Senator Takilah)
 - a. 11/15 4:30pm - 6:30pm
 - b. Manchester Dorms
- c. The Student Org Committee Chair
 - i. We have approved more orgs and have more orgs to approve
 - ii. Senator Andrea will be presenting an Old-New Student Org today
 - iii. We have decided to cancel our pie tabling event
 - iv. On the bright side we have set a mixer date for December 8th
- d. The Student Life Committee Chair
 - i. Remind constituents about Grocery Lyft codes
 - 1. Upcoming: Thanksgiving and Winter Break Lyft codes
 - ii. Had an awesome tabling event yesterday with lots of great feedback
- e. The Athletics Coordinator
 - i. I have begun reaching out to other student leadership groups on campus about being student liaisons for the Autism Tree
 - ii. I am working on some design ideas for apparel giveaways for future games

- iii. Women's Volleyball plays TONIGHT @7
 - iv. Last home Football game this THIS SATURDAY @1PM
 - v. Games this week
 - 1. Friday
 - a. MSOC vs Gonzaga @7
 - 2. Saturday
 - a. Senior day - Football vs St. Thomas @1pm
 - b. WBB vs Portland @2pm
 - 3. Sunday
 - a. MROW
 - f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
 - i. First focus group meeting for the wellness center equipment went well
 - ii. Met with Claire and Meg on Wednesday and discussed better marketing and efficiency of the CARE advocate system and the SHC
 - iii. Meeting with Claire and Dr. Woodruff to discuss mono testing on campus on Nov. 15
 - iv. Arthur Cummins is potentially coming to Senate on Nov. 30
 - v. Meeting with Claire and Sarah on Nov. 29th to discuss relationship and sexual violence prevention programming
 - vi. Meeting with Claire, Chris and Anne to further discuss more Narcan availability and training on campus
 - 1. Ideas for narcan centers on campus?
 - vii. Tabling event for TimelyCare to take place during finals week - need merch ideas
 - g. The Sustainability Coordinator
 - i. Thank you Ava and Alejandro for organizing the Wheel of Improvement tabling
 - ii. Upcoming events to get involved with sustainability on campus:
 - 1. This Sunday (11/12) The Office of Tribal Liaison is hosting a thrift flip event at 10:30 am to 1 pm in UC 128.
 - 2. I'll be tabling with the Office of Sustainability on 11/21 from 12-2 pm to promote composting and minimizing food waste.
10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board (14 min)
- a. President
 - i. Met with AVP Byron Howlett on Monday and discussed perceptions of ASG with the student body
 - ii. On Tuesday I attended the Strategic Planning Committee and discussed how reconcile Student Success model with the Financial model
 - iii. On Wednesday I met with the Vice President of Student Affairs, and

- discussed the current campus climate
- iv. Emailed out Marginalized Student Org leaders for a luncheon with the Vice President and myself on November 17th
- b. Vice President
 - i. Research Grants are now closed; thank you to everyone who reposted and promoted them
 - ii. Reached out to professors to sit in on our Research Grant Meetings and the Undergraduate Research Grant Meetings start on Friday.
- c. Chief Justice
 - i. Constitution Amendments are underway
 - ii. Judicial Branch Tabling Event! November 28th 12:15-2:15
 - iii. Parking Appeals Meeting next week, 11/14
 - iv. Reached out to VP Byron Howlett with the Finance Chair to discuss the Students in Need Fund
- d. TPB Chair
 - i. Autumn Fest is THIS TUESDAY!
 - 1. Watching Free Birds (2013), making keychains and friendship bracelets, photo booth, TONS of yummy food
 - ii. TPB Hiring opens on Monday
 - 1. Event Coordinator and Vice Chair positions open!
 - iii. Winter Wonderland - Nov. 28th
 - iv. De-Stress Event - Dec. 5th
- e. Finance Chair
 - i. Set up meeting with the Chief Justice and Dr. Bryon Howlett on campaign for students in need
 - ii. Sent out decisions on Students in Need Fund
 - iii. Gearing up for Q2 Budgets & Spring 2024 Allocations
 - iv. Meeting with Emma as IC & Jackie to discuss better connections with ASGBC and IC consultants
 - v. Sent out email earlier this week with the Chief Justice to student org presidents about ASG Logo use when receiving funding support from ASG
 - vi. Made new category in ASGBC "Recreational Social Off Campus Event"
- f. PR Chair
 - i. ASG team polos are on their way
 - ii. Met with Shane from Athletics with a few members of ASG along with few other athletic teams
 - iii. Marketing committee has been working on marketing requests
 - 1. Submit requests at least a week in advance
 - iv. ASG monthly email will be sent out soon

- g. Chief of Staff
 - i. Working on Holiday Banquet
 - 1. RSVP by 11/21 at 11:59 PM
 - ii. Waiting for approval from administration for approval of new furniture
 - iii. Documents to check out
 - 1. Mid-Semester Major Summaries
 - 2. Executive Goals 2023-2024
 - 3. Office Cleaning List

11. New Business

- a. Presentation and Discussion on School Spirit and Student Engagement by Shane Duffy (30 min)
 - i. Who am I?
 - 1. Assistant Director of Marketing
 - 2. Alumni
 - 3. Hired to improve school spirit and engagement
 - ii. Senator Jonathan: I move to suspend Robert's Rules of Order for this item of the agenda. Seconded. Motion passes
 - iii. Questions: Obstacles
 - 1. How would you describe the current state of school spirit?
 - 2. What are some big obstacles to changing USD's culture?
 - 3. How has USD failed to foster a culture of school spirit?
 - iv. Discussion: Obstacles
 - 1. Senator Valeria: Games at other schools are full of activities and fun themes that attract students to attend. We also could improve marketing for games. It would help to have designated students that are there to interact with the crowd and hype them up.
 - 2. ASG President: In my discussion with Dr. Howlett, we noticed that there are a large percentage of students involved in campus activities, but they have formed such niche and specific groups, that we lack a sense of unity behind Athletics as a whole.
 - a. Shane: I agree, most of the school spirit exists within teams, clubs, or other various student organizations, but outside of these spaces, the school spirit is lacking.
 - 3. Academics Committee Chair: We do not attract applicants that look for strong school spirit; therefore, we are not adding to a community of students with good spirit. Most people come to USD already with the idea in mind that we do not have strong school spirit. Also the hazing incident with the

football team definitely harmed the perception of our Athletics Department.

- a. Shane: We should work on changing the predisposition that incoming students have about USD's lack of school spirit.
 4. Speaker of the Senate: I tend to only go to games that my friends play in. I feel like if there were more interaction between student-athletes and the rest of students that encourages more school spirit and student participation.
 - a. Shane: Athletes don't feel connected to campus and the rest of campus do not feel connected to the athletes.
 5. Athletics Coordinator: It takes people who are willing to be there at times where there isn't strong attendance to be able to build up school spirit.
 - a. Shane: One of the big reasons that we're trying to change school spirit is that it's a long, time-consuming process, but we have to start somewhere.
 6. Senator Jameson: Are there cultural night events where there is potential for collaboration with cultural organizations on campus?
 - a. Shane: We are working on implementing this idea for next semester.
 7. Speaker of the Senate: Who we play has a huge role in attendance, smaller schools do not attract many students
 - a. Shane: We can use different strategies for attracting more students to the games that we play smaller, lesser known schools.
- v. Questions: Vision
1. What does school spirit look like at athletics events?
 2. What does it look like on campus?
 3. What have you seen be effective (at your high school or other schools)?
- vi. Discussion: Vision
1. TPB Chair: The high school I went to was very big on school spirit, the band would lead the entrance, followed by cheer and dance, and then the football team would follow. This was a very exciting moment that brought the school together and ramped up school spirit.
 - a. Shane: I am meeting with the band director next week to work on bringing them back to athletics events.

2. Senator Valeria: Putting up banners around campus on game days, bringing them to games to hype up the students and the players, wearing face paint, and dressing up, are all things that could really boost our school spirit.
 3. Athletics Coordinator: We should have a designated meet-up location before games for tailgates, BBQs, brunch, etc. to bring people together. We can offer face paint and various spirit attire here so people can show up to the game with school spirit.
 - a. Shane: We could do a Bullpit table and play music and offer all of these things to get people excited.
 4. Senator Sean: Other universities usually have a traveling student section, but we could even just do “watch party” type events during bigger away games so that people can still show their school spirit and support athletic events that are not at home.
 - a. Shane: We could work on doing something like that in Frank’s Lounge.
 5. PR Chair: We need to start by defining what it means to be a Torero to give students a sense of pride in their school.
- vii. Games this week:
1. Women’s Basketball vs Chapman: 11/6 at 5:30 pm
 2. Men’s Basketball vs Sonoma State: 11/6 at 8:00 pm
 3. Men’s Basketball vs Jackson State: 11/8 at 7:00 pm
 4. Volleyball vs San Francisco: 11/9 at 7:00 pm
 5. Men’s Soccer vs Gonzaga: 11/10 at 7:00 pm
 6. Football vs. St. Thomas: 11/11 at 1:00 pm
 7. Women’s Basketball vs Portland State: 11/11 at 2:00 pm
- viii. Speaker Pro Tempore: I move to reinstate Robert’s Rules of Order. Seconded. Motion passes.
- b. Presentation and Discussion on ITS Interface by Rahul Dhiman (30 min)
- i. USD ITS & Students: Portal, mobile and more...
 1. My schedule
 2. ID card [Pay, Meal Plan, Dining Dollar, Balance]
 3. Tram
 4. My Grades
 - ii. MySanDiego Portal Redesign Project: My Academics
 1. Financial Aid
 2. Admissions
 3. Torero Hub
 4. My Academics

5. My Student Account
- iii. MySanDiego Portal
- iv. Upcoming things
 1. My Student Success Advisors
 2. Push notifications
 3. MySanDiego Portal Search
- v. Questions and Discussion
 1. Senator Valeria: The app has been helpful in learning the set up and makes the available resources clear; however, the DuoPush has made this process more complicated, especially for students who may struggle with technology usage.
 - a. Rahul: DuoPush is meant to provide a third layer of cybersecurity to protect users' information.
 2. Senator Sean: Many constituents are enjoying the Tram part of the app; as far as things that could be improved, the website is a bit more difficult to navigate than the app. It would be helpful to have a page that has your professor's office hours, contact information, and maybe include the syllabus to the class when we are choosing courses to register for.
 - a. Rahul: I will make note of these suggestions and bring them back to my team to see if we can make these changes. We are entertaining a few new ideas right now for things we can change in the website and app to make them both more user friendly.
 3. Clerk of the Senate: In the registration section of the website and app, there are many links that take you to the same registration portal website, and constituents have expressed that these are overwhelming and confusing, I think that simplifying these links would help make the registration process less intimidating, especially for first and second year students.
 4. Clerk of the Senate: I also think that if ITS is seeking ways to improve student feedback, one method could be to regularly email short surveys to the entire student body that asks for feedback and evaluates the changes or updates ITS may have recently made to the application or the website.
 - a. Rahul: We also have a link on the website that gives students the opportunity to give feedback about the website and the app.
 5. Speaker of the Senate: In the MyAcademics part of the

website, there are two different ways to plan your schedule when preparing for registration. Is there a reason for having both, because they seem like they function the same way and many people find this confusing.

6. Speaker of the Senate: I think it may also be beneficial to have notifications or a section on the website and app that notifies students of upcoming athletic events.
 - a. Rahul: I will look into ways to create a space on the website and app for upcoming athletic events.
7. Student Life Committee Chair: Having a comprehensive marketing plan for the ITS department can help you gain student feedback for the website and app.
8. Student Life Committee Chair: It would also be useful to provide students with statistics or data about the importance of cybersecurity so that they understand the need for DuoPush.
9. Student Life Committee Chair: Does ITS have any involvement or control over 3rd party applications that involve our USD portal login? The app, Fizz, is widely used amongst students at USD, but much of the content posted uses hateful language and promotes harmful ideologies.
 - a. Rahul: We have about 200 3rd party applications that use our portal login. Are you asking for ITS at USD to intervene and state that this app should not be used for hate speech, or for ITS to have more control over the content that is posted on Fizz?
 - i. Student Life Committee Chair: I am more so just asking to learn more about the extent of ITS and USD's control of 3rd party apps that use our portal login and what we are capable of doing with Fizz. A constituent suggested that ITS prohibit students from using our portal log in to create a Fizz account and post on it.
 - ii. Rahul: It can get complicated because we are contracted with so many 3rd party apps, but all 3rd party apps that use our portal log in sign many agreements before we give them authorization.
10. Athletics Coordinator: The app or website could potentially have an athletics tab, and students could be given the option to opt in or opt out of push notifications for specific events or

organizations.

11. Athletics Coordinator: Constituents experience some confusion on the app and website because a lot of the same items are given different names, making it more difficult to navigate and find what you are looking for.
12. Finance Chair: Is there a way to extend the 7 day limit on how long DuoPush can keep you logged in for?
 - a. Rahul: I will communicate with the rest of my team and DuoPush's team to see if this is a possibility.
13. Finance Chair: I also think it would be helpful to have a direct link right next to your name on the app that will take you to your schedule.
14. Finance Chair: Having pop-up notifications when you open the app, where you have to exit out of them to get rid of it would be useful in getting students' attention for big and important events.
15. Academics Committee Chair: When browsing classes to register for, classes that are not offered during the semester you register for still come up as options, which makes the registration process much more frustrating and time-consuming.
16. ASG President: The anonymous app, Fizz has been a topic of an ongoing discussion that I've been having with the VP of Student Affairs as well as other departments on campus. Many students from Fraternity and Sorority Life have raised the same concerns about Fizz being a harmful app that is full of hate speech. Fizz limits the amount of time a person can serve as a content moderator, so the original moderators from USD have since been kicked out, and can no longer control what is posted.
 - a. Rahul: Is Fizz an app that you all are interested in having removed as a 3rd party app through USD?
17. Parliamentarian: Point of order, the time allotted for this agenda item has elapsed.
 - a. Senator Sean: I move to extend the allotted time by 10 minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
18. Student Life Committee Chair: I do not have a definitive answer as to whether or not we should get rid of Fizz, I just wanted to raise the issue and the concerns of constituents to be able to provide them more information about the capabilities within ITS' scope of controlling what is posted.

- a. Rahul: We will definitely raise this concern and see what we can do.
 19. Student Org Committee Chair: The app does not include the locations of USD events.
 20. Senator Cassie: Constituents would like to see the announcements tab on the app and website stay up to date and have the ability to personalize them.
 21. Senator Cassie: I also think that raising more awareness about what ITS does would be important, especially for first years; many classes require Microsoft software, and many do not know to go to ITS for help, so it would be beneficial to present to First Year students during orientation
 22. Senator Cassie: And to add to what was previously said before about Fizz, I am concerned about the need to moderate social media platforms that use our USD credentials to create an account, because does that open it up to other forms of social media like Snapchat to be moderated by the school as well?
 23. Senator Lukas: Could you talk about why we are transitioning from using Blackboard to using Canvas?
 - a. Rahul: The user experience for Canvas is better than Blackboard. We believe that Canvas has much better and many more features that are already integrated into their system.
 24. Senator Jordan: The website has tutoring resources advertised, but they could be more heavily emphasized in the app, especially for particular classes.
 25. Speaker of the Senate: It could be helpful to have the interactive map of the school that exists on the website to also be included in the app.
12. Loss of quorum. (2:14 PM)

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